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actly of the shape represented in the *Figure R*. The *Ring* appear'd of a somewhat brighter Light than the *Body*; and the black lines *aa*, crossing the *Ring*, and *bb* crossing the *Body* (whether *Shadows* or not, I dispute not) were plainly visibles whence I could manifestly see, that the *Souther* most part of the *Ring* was on *this* side of the *Body*, and the *Northern* part, behind, or covered by the *Body*:

A Relation Of a sad effect of Thunder and Lightning:

This Relation was written by that worthy Gentleman, *Thomas Neale* Esquire, (the then *High Sheriff* of the County of *Hampshire*, when this disaster hapned) to a Friend of his in *London*, as follows;

On the 24 of *January* 166 $\frac{1}{2}$, one *Mr. Brooks* of *Hampshire*, going from *Winchester* towards his house near *Andover* in very bad Weather, was himself slain by Lightning, and the Horse, he rode on, under him. For about a mile from *Winchester* he was found with his Face beaten into the ground, one leg in the stirrup, the other in the Horse's mane; his Cloaths all burnt off his back, not a piece as big as a handkerchief left intire, and his hair and all his body sing'd. With the force, that struck him down, his nose was beaten into his face, and his Chin into his Breast; where was a wound cut almost as low, as to his Navil; and his cloaths being, as aforesaid, torn, the pieces were so scatter'd and consum'd, that not enough to fill the crown of a hat could be found. His gloves were whole, but his hands in them sing'd to the bone. The hip-bone and shoulder of his Horse burn't and bruised; and his saddle torn in little pieces. This was what appear'd to the Coroners inquest, and so is likely to be as near truth, as any is to be had.

Sofar this Letter: Which, if it had come soon enough to the hands of the *Publisher*, would have been joyned to a like *Relation*, inserted in the next foregoing Papers (*Num. 13.*) of an accident hapn'd at a later time. With both which may be compared the Account, formerly published in Latin by the Learned *Dr. Charleton*, concerning the Boy, that was Thunder-struck

struck near *Nantwich* in *Cheshire*; the Title of the Book being, *Anatome Pueri de Cælo tacti*: such Relations, when truly made, well deserving to be carefully recorded for farther consideration.

Of some Books lately publish'd.

RELATIONS OF DIVERS CURIOUS VOYAGES, by *Monf. Thevenot*; the third *Tome*, in *French*. This Book contains chiefly, the Ambassie of the *Dutch* into *China*, translated out of the *Dutch* manuscript: A Geographical description of *China*, translated out of a *Chinese* Author by *Martinius*: And the Account, which the Directors of the *Dutch* East-India Company made to the States General, touching the state of affairs in the East-Indies, when their late Fleet parted from thence. To touch some things of a *Geographical* and *Philosophical* nature, contained therein, we shall take notice;

1. How the Kingdom of *China* is peopled; there being according to the best computation (which is there made with singular care) above 58 millions of Men, not counting Magistrates, Soldiers, Priests, Eunuchs, Women and Children; so that it may not be altogether strange, if one should affirm, there were 200 millions of people, of all sorts, in that Kingdom.

2. That *Catay* is nothing else, but the Six Northern Provinces of *China*, separated from the other Nine, by the great River *K I A N G*; and that the City *Cambalu* is the same with that of *Peking*: the *Tartars*, who carry every three years their Tribute to the Emperor of *China*, constantly calling the said Provinces and City by those names of *Catay*, and *Cambalu*.

3. That *China* is so well furnisht with Rivers, and cut Channels, that men may go from the most Southern to the most Northern part thereof by water, except one daies journey; as the *Dutch* Ambassadors did, embarking at *Canton*, which is 23 d. 48 m. Northern Latitude, and landing at *Peking*, which is about 40 d; having only travell'd one daies journey over some Mountains of the Province *Kiamsi*.

4. That the people of *China* are exceeding industrious Husband-
band.